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36.(New) A composition for treating rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation which essentially consisting of;

A. about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

B. water, and

C. a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

37.(New) The composition of claim 36 which is a nasal spray formulation.

38.(New) A method for treating rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation which comprises administering into the nasal passageway a composition essentially consisting of;

A. about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

B. water, and

C. a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

39.(New) The method of claim 38 wherein epistaxis is treated.

40.(New) The method of claim 38, wherein sinusitis is treated.

41.(New) The method of claim 38 wherein rhinitis is treated.

42.(New) The method of claim 38 wherein the composition provides post surgical irrigation.

43.(New) The method of claim 38 wherein the composition is sprayed into the nasal passageway.

44.(New) The method of claim 38 wherein said composition comprises about 0.5 to 5 grams per liter of said mineral content.